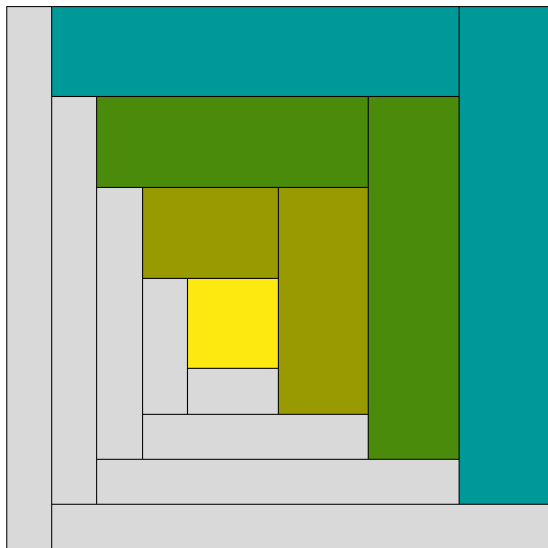


Log Cabin

12 inches finished (12½ end to end)



Log Cabins are blocks that probably can't be dated. They are one of the staples of the quilting world.

There is tradition in log cabins - the centre is usually red or yellow for the fire, then the logs are placed around the fire to resemble the logs in the settlers' cabins.

Designs for log cabin settings (the pattern made by the blocks in the overall quilt) have names like Straight Furrows, Barn Raising, and Sunshine and Shadows.

Our Log Cabin will be a more modern version of the log cabin, with different widths of the logs forming a curve in the final block. Choose four fabrics that are different in pattern or colour, but go together. You need to be able to see the difference in the fabrics, yet each can stand on its own - different in colour, or size of print, or style of print.

Light grey solid

1 ½ inch strip the width of the fabric

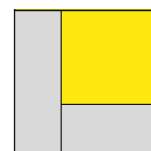
Four blending fabrics - 2 ½ inch strips - the longest will have to be about 22 inches.

Start with a 2 ½ inch square! Mine is yellow but doesn't show up very well in black and white.

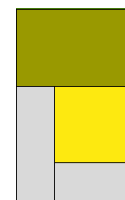
Sew it to one end of your gray strip, and cut the gray fabric to match your square. Place the line on your ruler on the seam line, so that your cut is square. Your piece will now measure 2 ½ by 3 ½ inches



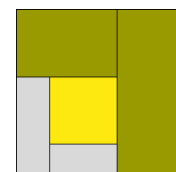
The next log will be a gray log to the left of the centre: Now your piece will measure 3 ½ by 3 ½ inches.



Next round the block, is your second fabric - to the 'top' of the cabin. cabin will now measure 3 ½ by 5 ½ inches.

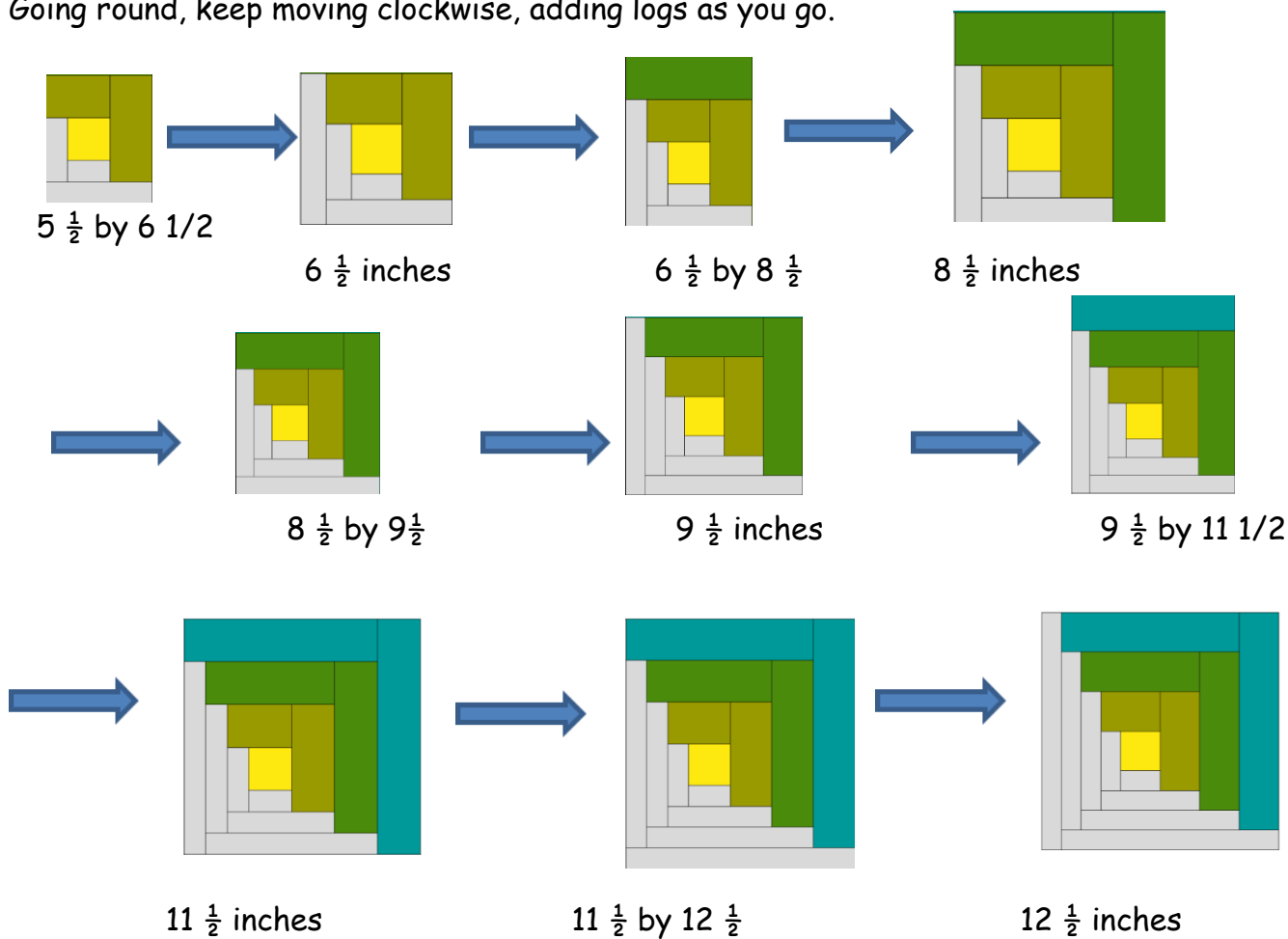


Next the second fabric again, on the right side - and we are back to a square - 5 ½ inches this time.



Always remember - sew, press, trim, measure. This will keep your cabin square.

Going round, keep moving clockwise, adding logs as you go.



For the 'Close to Home' quilt, this block goes in the lower right corner, below the flying geese blocks from last month. You now have one complete strip for the quilt. If you wish to quilt it in sections, add a 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch 'sky' at the top and add your right border to the section. When you sandwich it, be sure to leave enough batting and batting to add the bottom border later. Quilt to within 2 inches of the left side of the strip - then set it aside until you have the other two strips done. I left the quilting of the borders until I had the entire quilt together.

Our log cabins won't do the tradition sets, but we can have a lot of fun with them!

